



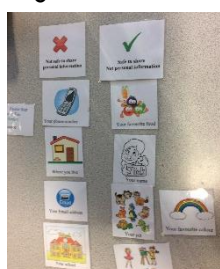
Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, friends, aunts, uncles and supporters who came to watch our **Nativity** productions this week. Reception Class put on a traditional Nativity with favourites like Little Donkey and Away in a Manger. This was followed by Y1 and Y2's ambitious performance of 'Stargazing' – the story of the wise travellers in the Nativity story. I was pleased with the balance the staff managed to strike between practising enough that the children knew they were creating something valuable and important but not so much that the joy was lost. (There was a lot of joyful dancing and singing in both plays!) By the afternoon some of the children were a little tired, but they kept going and seemed rightly proud of themselves afterwards. Thank you to all the staff who worked so hard to rehearse them, sort out props, etc. and to all the parents who helped with finding/making costumes.



Although the highlight of the week was watching our younger children perform, the rest of school have also been busy. On Monday a trainer from **d:side** came to work with all the KS2 children on **Internet Safety**. I hope the children have come home and talked about what they have learned. This is a good time of year for children and adults to think through the rules for staying safe on the Internet. Dark, wet days can mean more time indoors on electronic devices and Christmas can bring presents of tablets, games and even phones for the very oldest children. If your child is likely to receive their first ever Internet enabled device this Christmas the following are worth considering:

- The Internet is only ever used where you can see it being used (e.g. in the lounge, not in a bedroom)
- All devices come out onto the landing/into the parents' room/left downstairs at bedtime.
- Certificate 15 and 18 games are rated that for a reason. If those games are internet enabled children could be talking to adult players.



- Zip it! Block it! Flag it! are good rules to adopt at home too.

- www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents and <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/> are good sources of information for parents.

This week children from Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y6 who have been coming to **choir** practice visited Victoria Court in Headingley to sing **Christmas songs and carols**. Again it was lovely to see the conversations afterwards between the residents and the children. We will sing at Wheatfields Hospice next week on Monday and Tuesday too.



The wintry weather doesn't deter us from enjoying our **outdoor learning**. Year 6 are currently at **Robinwood** Residential Centre near Todmorden enjoying a wide range of outdoor and adventurous activities. Thank you to Sara Mitchell, Heather Flanagan, Kate Earl and Ian Martin for giving up time with their own families to take the children. Y3 continue to enjoy their weekly **Forest School** sessions. Here they are spotting a beautiful rainbow.

FOSOPS continue to be busy, having organised refreshments and the raffle that was drawn and announced in Friday's assembly (thank you for the donations). They would really welcome help with the disco next week – particularly the later KS2 disco. They also make sure that they spend any money they raise. **Thank you** very much to FOSOPS and everyone who has supported them – they have just purchased a fridge and dishwasher to enable us to continue quality (hygienic!) cooking lessons with the children.

Class	Well done to Superstars from the 24 th November, who had been chosen by the staff in their class. Apologies for not including them in that week's newsletter!
YR (Thames)	Isabel is doing well in carpet sessions and Flo is doing some excellent blending.
Y1 (Nile)	Jesse and Katarina are making good choices and are listening to instructions to follow them straight away.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Sophie is focused and trying hard with her writing. Ben has an improved attitude to his learning.
Y3 (Rhine)	Rudee makes good choices and encourages others to do the same. Rosie tries to make correct choices in her work and play.
Y4 (Ganges)	Lewis is a good example to others and Lucas W is working hard at understanding time.
Y5 (Tigris)	Elijah makes the right choices and contributes well in class.
Y6 (Amazon)	Tom and Shazfa make the right choices and are good role models.
Citizen of the Week was Solomon in Reception Class. Well done Solomon!	

Thank you to everyone who managed to join us for **Stay and Play** this morning. Thanks also for all your help with getting children ready for the performances and supporting our parties at this busy time of year. We really appreciate it and it helps the children enjoy the run up to Christmas.

I hope you have a great weekend!

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Did you know?

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 do the annual Nativity productions. Y3 and Y4 put on an Easter play and Y5/6 end the year with the Leavers' production.



Carol Service 2015

10:30am on Tuesday next week.

All welcome!

We take the safeguarding of children very seriously at our school and we appreciate your help with this. If you have any concerns or observations regarding **health and safety**, please contact Jane Astrid Devane, Marcelle Maver or Liz Craven.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding **child protection** issues, please speak to Jane Astrid Devane, Marcelle Maver or Hilary Whitehead.

If you have questions about your **child's progress** or **how to help them** with the learning they find difficult please speak to your child's teacher or make an appointment to see them via the school office.

The governors are always interested in hearing the **views of parents**. If you would like to speak to a governor, then please email the chair, Julia Kelly shireoakgovernors@gmail.com Julia is often on the playground, particularly at the start and end of the week, if you would like to talk to her.)

DIARY DATES

Sunday 13 th December	*	Headingley Litterati litter picking. Meet at the Co-op on Cardigan Road at 12 noon to litter pick in the Ashvilles until about 1:30pm. Children should be accompanied by an adult/responsible older sibling. If you've gloves/litter pickers please bring them.
Mon 14 th /Tue 15 th December		Carol singing, Wheatfields Hospice, pm.
Tuesday 15 th December		Christmas Carol Service, 10:30am. St Michael's Church. All welcome.
Wednesday 16 th December		Reception and KS1 Christmas parties.
Wednesday 16 th December		Christmas Discos. KS1: 4:30 – 5:30 and KS2 5:45 – 6:45
Thursday 17 th December		Y3 & Y6 Christmas parties. Food requests, etc. to follow.
Thursday 17 th December	*	Book Club trip to see Chitty Chitty Bang Bang at West Yorkshire Playhouse
Friday 18 th December		Y4 & Y5 Christmas parties. Food requests, etc. to follow.
21 st December – 1 st January		CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.
Monday 4 th January		TRAINING DAY – TBC
5 th – 8 th January		Switched On Shire Oak Week
Thursday 7 th January		Open Morning. 9:15- 11:30. All current and prospective parents/carers welcome.
Tuesday 12 th January		Y1 and Y2 special session with Leeds Trampolining Club
Thursday 14 th January		Year 6 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Thursday 14 th January	*	FOSOPS meeting in the Community Room, 9am, all welcome.
Friday 15 th January		Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Friday 15 th January	*	4 School Council representatives to event with Leeds City Council
Wednesday 20 th January		House Team Hobby Half Day
Friday 22 nd January		Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Year 4
Friday 22 nd January		Quick Sticks Hockey competition, Weetwood Sports Park, 9:30 – 3pm
Thursday 28 th January		Football Match Shire Oak v Weetwood - played at Lawnswood School - KO. 3.45
Friday 29 th January		Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
1 st -5 th February		STEM (science, tech, engineering & maths) Club Week.
Monday 1 st February	*	Science boffin week
Wednesday 3 rd February	*	Zoolab day as part of Science Week
Thursday 4 th February		Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome. (STEM focus)
Tuesday 9 th February		FOSOPS Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday) event straight after school
Friday 12 th February		Reception Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
15 – 19 February		HALF TERM BREAK. Kidzone may run a holiday playscheme.
Thursday 3 rd March		Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Year 3
Friday 4 th March		Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Thursday 10 th March		Football Match Weetwood v Shire Oak - played at Lawnswood School - KO. 3.45
Friday 11 th March		Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Thursday 17 th March		Geography Day
Wednesday 23 rd March		Easter Production by Years 3 and 4. All welcome.
Thursday 24 th March		TRAINING DAY – TBC
Fri 25 th & Mon 28 th March		Good Friday and Easter Monday. School closed.
30 th March – 1 st April		Year 4 Residential to Beverley Park
4 th – 15 th April		EASTER HOLIDAY. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Friday 29 th April		Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Monday 2 nd May		BANK HOLIDAY. School closed.
9 th to 13 th May		KS2 SATS week
Friday 13 th May		Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Wednesday 18 th May		Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Wednesday 18 th May		House Team Hobby Half Day
Friday 27 th May		Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Year 1
30 th May – 3 rd June		HALF TERM BREAK. Kidzone may run a holiday playscheme.
Friday 10 th June		Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Friday 17 th June		Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.

* means added or changed since last newsletter

TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change